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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REACTION TO HUSSEIN REMARKS IN US

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1. IN SPEECH MAY 7 DEFMIN PERES COMMENTD FURTHER (SEE REFTEL) ON REMARKS BY HING HUSSEIN DURING LATTER'SVISIT TOUS.(HUSSEIN SPEECH AT CITADEL WAS GIVEN FAIRLY LOW-KEY COVERAGE BY MOST ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS BUT PROMINENT PLAY ON TELEVISION). FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOI PRESS RELEASE ON SPEECH.

2. BEGIN TEXT. KING HUSSEIN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
OVER THE U.S. COMMUNICATIO S MEDIA REGARDING
THE ARAB'S WILLINGNESS TO END THE STAE OF
BELLIGERENCY WITH ISRAEL WGAINST EVACUATION OF
ALL AREAS OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL IN 1967
CONTRADICT THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS,
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INCLUDING RESOLUTION 242 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM AREAS, AND NOT ALL THE AREAS, AGAINST A LASTING PEACE, THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, MR. SHIMON PERES, TOLD

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF "BNEI BRITH".

MR. PERES NOTED THEAT KING HUSSEIN'S APPEARANCES
IN THE U.S. MARKED THE OPENING OF A RENEWED ARAB
PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CAPTIVATING U.S.
PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH IN FACT WAS NOTHING BUT A
SMOKE SCREEN CONCEALING THE TRU ARAB POSITION
WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL, WHICH MADE NO MENTION
OF PEACE.

COMMENTING ON HUSSEIN'S STATEMENT, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE DECLARED THAT ISRE HAD NO PLANS OR INTENTIONS REGARDING A RESUMPTION OF WAR, JUST AS SHE HAD HAD NO SUCH PLANS IN THE PAST--WHILE THE RECENT WARS BROKE OUT, AND WER RESUEMED, ON ARAB INITIATIVE, INCLUDING THAT OF JORDAN WHICH TWICE ATTACKED ISRAEL WITHOUT ANY PROVOCATION FROM OUR SIDE.

ISRAEL BELIEVED WAR TO BE A POLITICAL MISTAKE, AND NOT A POLITICAL GOAL, AND SHE HAS NO AMBTIONS WHATSOEVER IN THAT DIRECTION. KING HUSSINE, HE SIADN HAD ALLEGED THATHE WAS SPEAKING ALSO FOR EGYPT AND SYRIA--BUT HE COULD NOT HAVEBEEN SPEAKING FOR ANOTHER SEVENTEEN ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING LIBYA, IRAQ AND YEMEN ANDTHE EXTREMIST PALESTINAIN ORGANIZATIONS.

KING HUSSEIN ALSO COULD NOTCLAIM TO BE SPEAKING FOR THE RESIDENT OF THE ADMINISTERED AREAS, SINCE THERABAT CNFERENCE HADDEPRIVEDHIM OF THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT THAT POPULATION. THAT MANDATE HAD BEEN PASSED BY THE CONFERENCE TO THE PLO, WHICH WAS NOW LOCKED IN DISPUTE CONCERING NOT ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, BUT THEFORM OF ITS ANNIHILATION...END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: LATER IN SAME SPEECH , PERES REITERATED POTENTIAL THREAT TO ISRAEL FROM WEST BANK, TO INCLUDE INABILITY OF AIRCRAFT TO TAKE OFF FROM ISRAELI TERRITORY (REFTEL. THREAT TIS TIME HOWEVER IS DESCRIBED AS COMING UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE IMPLICITLY LED BY PLO, NOT FROM WEST BANK LINKED TO JORDAN.
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